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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I exist. I use sonic fiber internet.

I know that USTelecom, the trade association which represents some of the nations largest incumbent carriers (such as AT&T, Verizon, and others) has petitioned the FCC to dismantle key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. Within their petition they claimed:

"In the residential marketplace, competition will not be materially affected by forbearance from Section 251(c)(3) because there is effectively no remaining UNE-based competition in that marketplace." - USTelecom

What I hear is: residential consumers (thats me!) will not be affected, because there are no carriers (thats Sonic, my carrier!) who use unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) to compete in the residential marketplace.

I disagree with USTelecom on this key point.

Sonic residential subscribers do exist (that's me), and would be "materially affected".

So, I'm taking a few minutes to write this letter to let the FCC know that I do rely on these services, and that you oppose this petition. I'm making my voice heard for telecom competition and my access to fast, affordable internet and phone service.

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